

## Unapproved

**Town of Essex  
Conservation Commission  
29 West Avenue, Essex, ct  
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**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 12, 2012  
7:30 p.m.**

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2012 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall. Present: Chair, Kay Tucker, Doug Demarest, MaryAnn Pleva, Richard Helmecki and Susan Malan. Attending Staff: Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Correct and approve May 10, June 14 and July 2, 2012 meeting Minutes.**

**Approval and corrections to the May 10, 2012 Minutes:**

- Page 1 under seating of the members, .."Jeff Lovelace, and alternate and Ron Skinner.." strike *and* alternate.
- Page 1, "Ms. Maresca stated that she was referred to the Conservation Commission by the Essex IWWC and noted that she wished to discuss the issues as outlined *in* her letter before her letter.."
- Page 2 under Trail Reports: "Mr. Kaufmann weed-*whacked*"

**Motion** made by Doug Demarest to approve the May 10, 2012 meeting Minutes as amended.

**Motion** seconded by Rich Helmecki and passed unanimously.

**Approval and corrections to June 14, 2012 meeting Minutes:**

- Page 1 under seating of the members, strike *ron for jeff*
- Page 1, the following changes:  
Capitalize "*Project Assessment*"  
"Bob Doane, P.E. for *Riversound Development*"
- Page 2, third paragraph, "Ms. Tucker *questioned the* likelihood that there would be a creation of a Pentway."
- Page 2 second paragraph, "Michael Klein, biologist and soil scientist presented *for Riversound Development*"
- Page 2 second paragraph, "*there are three common driveways, one for Lots 1 and 2, one for Lots 2 and 4 and one for Lots 5 and 6.*"
- Page 2, second paragraph, strike the sentence: "the property deed will prohibit the use of motorized equipment"
- Page 3 fifth paragraph, "Mr. Levine stated that the applicant will has made tremendous efforts", strike *will*
- Page 3, "Mrs. Bombaci stated that the Old Woods Trail is comprised of many of old hiking trails..", strike *of*
- Page 3, "Mr. Levine has had many dealings with the Nature Conservancy.." strike *dealings* and insert *discussions*.
- Page 3, "The applicant has tried to work *out* a solution"

- Page 3 add, *Trust for Public Land*.
- Page 4 under Inventory, Jenna *Klinck*. Strike *Master's Degree*.
- Page 4, "This group is working to preserve *the* 1,000 acres."
- Page 4, Susan abstained for the vote on projects and encumbrances.

**Motion** made by Mary Ann Pleva to approve the June 14, 2012 meeting minutes as amended.

**Motion** seconded by Doug Demarest and passed unanimously.

#### **Approval and corrections to the July 2, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes**

- Page 2 last paragraph, "the blasting material will mostly be utilized on site some of which *may be used*."
- Page 2: "Ms. Malan stated that *strike although* the Commission had been asked."
- Page 3, first paragraph: "Mr. Bombaci stated that this property has been appraised for..."
- Page 3: "*Charles Rothenberger stated that there will be*"
- Page 4, last paragraph: the commissions *intends*
- Page 3, In terms of blasting" and "*the surrounding nature, the habitat and the historic homes on the street*."
- Page 3, paragraph 9: strike the sentence; "the fact that there is an existing path..."
- Page 3, last paragraph: "The Commission *intends* to continue to review the materials."

**Motion** made by MaryAnn Pleva to approve the July 2, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as amended.

**Motion** seconded by Susan Malan and passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Discussion of 6-lot Open Space Conservation subdivision on Ingham Hill Rd**

Mr. Demarest stated that at the July 8, 2012 site walk, the representative from the company who has been retained to handle the proposed blasting indicated that approximately 1300 cubic yards of material will be moved to blast for a driveway. This material will be distributed as needed throughout the whole area.

It was noted that if the blasting materials are distributed over the vegetated area, it will change the configuration of the plants, etc.

Mr. Demarest suggested that the Conservation Commission request in a letter to the IWWC that the engineers prepare another set of color-coded maps; one to reflect the water flow in a rainstorm; one which shows all of the proposed areas of blasting, and a third map which shows which trees that be clear cut and where the 1300 cubic feet of materials will be dispersed onsite. It was noted that commissioners also wish to know where the blasting will be staged and where the materials will be distributed after they are crushed.

Ms. Pleva stated that the REMA assessment indicates on the last page of the report that the "review shows that there are proposed activities that will result in the unreasonable pollution, impairment and/or destruction of the air, water or other natural resources of the State of CT as provided by Section 22a-19 of the CGS, including wetlands and watercourses."

Ms. Tucker asked members to review and embellish upon the letter that the Conservation Commission recently sent to the IWWC to include information on the flagging and the blasting and where it is to be staged and how it will be distributed. Recommendations will specifically reference the insufficient information on the quantity and disposal of the blasting and the associated materials, the insufficient information provided on the clear-cutting of trees, the insufficient information provided on water run-off.

### **Projects and Encumbrances**

Ms. Tucker discussed the list of monies to be encumbered by July 13, 2012.

### **Trail Reports**

Doug Demarest and Rich Helmecki repaired the bog bridge.

Ms. Tucker received an e-mail from All Habitat Services in which they have indicated that they are about to begin the second phase of phragmite eradication of Old Quarry Pond.

Kay Tucker met with Jenna Klinck last week. Ms. Klinck is the intern who will inventory all of the conservation easements within the town. Ms. Tucker stated that Ms. Klinck has the hardware from UConn and she will be able to go into the inventory and work with the database. Ms. Tucker has the conservation easements on paper and MaryAnn Pleva and Pam Bernardini will research at the Town Hall working from that list and confirm the property owners, their addresses and on whose property the conservation easements exist. A letter will then be composed to the property owners introducing Ms. Klinck and informing them of her research.

### **Other**

### **New Business**

Ms. Tucker asked Rich Helmecki and Doug Demarest to look at their calendar and schedule a date to meet with the selectmen for a luncheon meeting. The Board of Selectmen have in past months, invited commissioners for an informal brown bag lunch at the Essex Town Hall.

Ms. Tucker asked Mr. Demarest to check on the status of the road on Ingham Hill Road which is situated behind the gate at end of cul de sac to determine how far it goes, how wide it is, who owns it and who has access to it.

Susan Malan asked to add to the Agenda a lined item for review of the monthly finances.

### **Inland Wetlands Report**

### **Correspondence**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Doug Demarest to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

**Motion** seconded by MaryAnn Pleva and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Conservation Commission will be conducted on Thursday August 9, 2012.